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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARTICIPATION WITH SSIE ON ONGOING  
ENERGY-RELATED R & D PROJECT INFORMATION EXCHANGE:  
CURRENT PROGRESS

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1. IN THE COURSE OF SSIE DIRECTOR HERSEY'S CURRENT  
VISIT TO PARIS, BNIST DIRECTOR MICHEL HAS PROVIDED HIM  
WITH THE RESPONSE TO DATE OF THE FRENCH AGENCIES  
PARTICIPATING IN SUBJECT ACTIVITY. THIS COMPRISES:  
(A) FROM THE CEA (FRENCH ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION) 400

R&D PROJECTS WITH ONE-LINE, AND SOMETIMES TRUNCATED,  
PROJECT TITLES AND BASIC INFORMATION ON WHERE EACH  
PROJECT IS BEING PURSUED, BUT WITH NO DESCRIPTIVE  
INFORMATION ON PROJECTS; (B) FROM THE IRT (TRANSPORTA-  
TION RESEARCH INSTITUTE) COMPLETE DISCLOSURE OF ALL  
THEIR SUBJECT-RELATED PROJECTS IN THE SSIE FORMAT,  
TOTALING THREE PROJECTS; AND (C) FROM BRGM (GEOPHYSICS  
AND MINING RESEARCH BUREAU) APPROXIMATELY 60 PROJECTS  
WITH FULL DESCRIPTIONS FOLLOWING THE SSIE FORMAT.

2. MICHEL TOLD HERSEY THAT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH HE  
HOPES TO HAVE AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE FROM THE  
ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES, EDF AND GDF, AND FROM  
CERCHAR (COAL RESEARCH AGENCY) AND IFP (THE QUASI-  
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INDEPENDENT FRENCH PETROLEUM INSTITUTE). ALTHOUGH IFP,  
IN EARLY NEGOTIATING SESSIONS, APPEARED TO BE ONE OF THE  
MORE FORTHCOMING POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS, HERSEY BELIEVES  
THAT THE IFP MAY NOW BE RELUCTANT TO PARTICIPATE.

HERSEY ATTRIBUTES THIS TO EITHER SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT PROTECTING THEIR PROPRIETARY INTERESTS OR AN UNWILLING-

NESS TO IMPLICITLY CEDE SOME DEGREE OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL INDEPENDENCE TO AN OFFICIAL FRENCH AGENCY WHICH WOULD ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY TO SSIE. IF IN FACT IFP IS NOT FORTHCOMING IN THE REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE, HERSEY INTENDS TO ATTEMPT A PRIVATE EXCHANGE BETWEEN HIS COMPANY AND IFP. MICHEL HAS PROMISED TO DO ALL THAT HE CAN TO INDUCE THE STRAGGLING AGENCIES TO FULLY COOPERATE.

3. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH THREE REFTEL COMPLICATION ON THE MATTER OF RECIPROCATING IN AN INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH AN AGENCY THAT HAS BEEN LESS THAN FULLY COOPERATIVE, HERSEY FOUND SCICOUN SUGGESTION OF RECIPROCATION-IN-KIND TO BE QUITE INTERESTING. SPECIFICALLY, HE PLANS TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING EACH PARTICULAR AGENCY WITH THE SAME KIND AND DEPTH OF INFORMATION THAT IT FURNISHED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE CEA PERSISTS IN GIVING ONLY ONE-LINE TITLES OF PROJECTS, IT WOULD IN RETURN RECEIVE ONLY SINGLE-LINE PROJECT TITLES--WITH NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION--ON WHAT OTHER PARTICIPATING

COUNTRIES ARE DOING IN ITS AREAS OF INTEREST. HERSEY HOPES THAT ONCE THE RELUCTANT PARTICIPANTS SEE THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING AS THEY GAVE, THEY WOULD BE INSPIRED TOWARD GREATER OPENNESS.

4. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS FURTHER PROGRESS IS MADE. WE WELCOME NSF'S EXTENSION OF THE PROGRAM FOR ANOTHER YEAR IN LIGHT OF THE PAINFULLY SLOW EDUCATIONAL PROCESS REQUIRED TO CONVINCE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS OF THE VALUE OF SHARING R&D ACTIVITY INFORMATION.  
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